(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme, and (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to raise the income and socio-economic status of the weavers.

Sick textile mills

†3228. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether many textile mills have been lying sick for more than last five years;

(b) if so, the details of performance of these sick mills, mill-wise;

(c) the steps taken to run these mills smoothly and to improve their status by modernization during last five years and details of funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) the details of proposed/finalized action plan to run these sick units smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Under the Ministry of Textiles, two Public Sector Undertakings, i.e. National Textile Corporation (NTC) and British India Corporation (BIC) have textuke mills, which have been lying sick for more than last five years.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Diluting/repealing compulsory jute packaging for foodgrains

3229. SHRI KANJIBHAIPATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has represented in May, 2006 to dilute/repeal the provisions of compulsory jute packaging for foodgrains and sugar beyond 30th June, 2006 to project palstic women sick industries and also to check the import of jute bags from neighbouring countries;

(b) whether 14th Standing Advisory Committee had recommended reservation of 75 per cent for foodgrain and 20 percent for sugar under the Jute Packaging Materials (JPM) Act, 1987 for the jute year 2006-07; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not accepting the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No formal representation from Government of Gujarat in May 2006 is pending consideration by Ministry of Textiles.

(b) No, Sir. The 14th Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) had recommended the following levels of reservation for the commodities mentioned against their names for the jute year 2006-07 (July-June).

Foodgrains	: 75%
Sugar	:70%

(c) While deciding the quantum of reservation, as per the provision of Section 4(2) of Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, the Government considers various factors like recommendations of SAC, supply and demand

tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.